GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5615
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2002
DEMANDS OF SMALL AND MEDIUM NEWSPAPERS
TARACHAND BHAGORA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small and medium newspaper`s association `All India Small and MediumNewspapers Federation, New Delhi` had submitted a charter of demands to the Hon`ble Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting in its 39th annualconference on October 6, 2001 in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : The Federation, inter-alia raised issues concerning decline in release of advertisements to Small and Medium Newspapers, submission of various documents for empanelment, constitution of Empanelment Committee including the representative ofthe Federation, delay in payment of advertising bills etc. Revision of the Advertising Policy of the Government of India and Guidelines for Empanelment of Newspapers with DAVP has been undertaken.